

THE HEALTH OF HER MAJESTY'S NAVY. To the numerous valuable volumes of sanitary literature recently presented to the public, has been added a *Statistical Report on the Health of the Royal Navy for 1856*, by Dr. A. Bryson. It has been drawn up exclusively from the returns lodged in the office of the Director-General of the Medical Department of the Royal Navy. The general report divides itself into a series of branch reports on the several stations—viz., the Home, the Mediterranean, the West India, and North American, the East Coast of South America, the Pacific, the West Coast of Africa, the Cape, the "East" Indian and China, and the Australian stations. The total mean force (corrected) at all these stations having been (in 1856) 51,730; the total number of cases on board was 73,195, the number of days sickness on board 814,084, the average number of men sick per diem 2,230·4, the ratio per 1,100 of mean force 43·2; the number of days sickness in hospital 329,235, and the average number of men daily in hospital 902, the ratio per 1,000 of mean force 17·4, the total average of sick per diem 3,132·4, the ratio per 1,000 of mean force 61·7; the number invalided 998, the ratio per 1,000 of mean force 19·3, the number of deaths from disease 629, and from all causes 801, the ratio per 1,000 of mean force 15·5, and the number of cases per man 1·4; 9 were killed in action, 61 by accidental hurts, 87 were drowned, 1 was frozen, while 14 committed suicide. The most fatal disease in the force was fever, of which 199 cases were fatal, including 130 of yellow fever. Next to fever consumptive diseases were most fatal, the deaths being in the ratio of 2·7 per 1,000 of mean force. 21·9 per cent. of the deaths arose from diseases of the respiratory organs, 4·9 from diseases of the heart and arteries, and 13·4 from diseases of the alimentary canal. Dysentery is very fatal on the coast of China. The mortality in the whole force from all ordinary causes very little exceeds the mortality in civil life. The aggregate loss of service through wounds and sickness in the entire service, estimated at 51,730 men, was about equal to 3,132 men, or 60·5 per 1,000, which exceeds the loss in the metropolitan and city police by a little more than one-third. This excess is not so great as might have been anticipated, considering that the seaman is more exposed to the weather. However, with all the improvements in the navy, the seaman, even when relieved and allowed to retire to his hammock, can seldom either dry his clothes or obtain, especially in the night-time (when most wanted), any kind of warm food or refreshment. As regards yellow fever, Dr. Bryson thinks that it may be safely predicted that as cholera, cradled in the East, passed westward through Europe to America, so yellow fever, the peculiar scourge of a few warm regions in the West, will travel eastward from America, until it reaches the European communities settled on the banks of the Ganges. Yellow fever has hitherto not been introduced into any region eastward of the Cape of Good Hope. How long it may be excluded from Asia must depend, the doctor thinks, upon the restrictions imposed on infected ships sailing westward from the coast of America to the Polynesian group of islands, and thence to the eastern shores of Asia and New Holland.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE. We have reason for believing that an increase will shortly take place in the medical staff already allowed for service in India, and that additions will be made thereto to the extent of about five staff-surgeons and fifteen staff-assistant-surgeons. (*Homeward Mail.*)

Dr. STORRAR. On the application of Mr. Edward James, Q.C., in the Court of Queen's Bench, on the last day of Michaelmas term (November 25), a rule *nisi* was granted for the issue of an information in the nature of a writ of *quo warranto*, against Dr. Storrar, as representative of the University of London on the Medical Council.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

POSTAGE OF MANUSCRIPT AND PRINTED MATTER.

Any amount of manuscript or printed matter, singly or together, provided it contains nothing in the form of a written letter, is transmitted through the post, in packets *open at the ends*, at the following rates: not exceeding 4 ounces, one penny; above 4 and not exceeding 8 ounces, twopence; above 8 ounces and not exceeding 1 pound, fourpence; for every additional half-pound or under, twopence.

Members should remember that corrections for the current week's JOURNAL should not arrive later than Wednesday.

NOTICE.—DR. WYNTER will feel obliged if the Associates will address all Post Office Orders in payment of Subscriptions, to the Publisher, Mr. THOMAS JOHN HONEYMAN, 37, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W. C., "Bloomsbury Branch"; and he would also feel obliged by their sending all communications respecting the non-receipt of the Journal, to the same address; as both these matters are out of the province of the Editor.

ANONYMOUS CORRESPONDENTS should always enclose their names to the Editor; not for publication, but in token of good faith. No attention can be paid to communications not thus authenticated.

Communications have been received from:—Dr. G. N. EDWARDS; MR. MILTON; MR. LANSDOWN; MR. J. C. WORDSWORTH; MR. W. COPNEY; MR. A. T. H. WATERS; MR. G. D. GIBBS; DR. B. CHEVALLIER; DR. MACINTYRE; MR. W. SELF; MR. HOCKLEY; THE REGISTRAR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON; MR. HOLMES COOTE; MR. WILLIAM MARTIN; MR. R. GRIFFIN; DR. R. J. BANNING; MR. J. S. BARTRUM; MR. J. R. HUMPHREYS; DR. E. L. ORMEROD; MR. T. HOLMES; DR. G. G. ROGERS; DR. F. COLLINS; MR. JOHN RUSSELL; MR. HENRY THOMPSON; MR. W. ALLISON; and MR. SEPTIMUS LOWE.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

[* An Asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members of the Association.]

1. An Inquiry into the Origin and Intimate Nature of Malaria. By Thomas Wilson. London: H. Renshaw. 1858.
2. A Treatise on Hysterical Affections. By George Tate, Surgeon. Third Edition, revised. London: John Churchill. 1858.
3. On Ether and Chloroform as Anaesthetics. Being the Result of 11000 (!) Administrations of these Agents, personally studied in the Hospitals of London, Paris, etc., during the last Ten Years. By Charles Kidd, M.D. Second Edition. London: Renshaw. 1858.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Visiting List for 1859 will be ready for delivery Nov. 1st, and can be forwarded POST FREE to any part of Town or Country.

REDUCTION OF PRICE.	Tuck, Pockets, & Pencil.	Bound Cloth.
No. 1. With LISTS for 25 PATIENTS.....	3 6	2 6
" (a) With JOURNAL also	4 6	3 6
No. 2. With LISTS for 50 PATIENTS.....	4 6	3 6
" (a) With JOURNAL also	6 6	5 6
No. 3. With LISTS and JOURNAL for 75 PATIENTS ..	6 6	5 6

JOHN SMITH & CO., 52, Long Acre.

Complete System of Medical Book-KEEPING.

Now ready, an Entire Set of MEDICAL ACCOUNT BOOKS, from the Day-Book to the Year-Book, ruled and headed for the special use of the Profession, on a simple plan, intended to facilitate and methodize the process of Medical Book-keeping, and to balance clearly and comprehensively the income and expenditure of every year. Of uniform size, and price of ordinary Account Books.

The books may be inspected, and prospectuses, with ruled specimens, obtained at the Office of the "Visiting List".

London: JOHN SMITH & CO., 52, Long Acre.
Edinburgh: McLACHLAN & CO. Birmingham: CORNISH BROTHERS.
Manchester: KELLY & SLATER. York: AITKIN.

Just published, Third Edition, price 2s. 6d., by post, 2s. 8d.
A Guide to the Treatment of Diseases of the SKIN; for the Use of the Student and General Practitioner. By THOMAS HUNT, Surgeon to the Western Dispensary for Diseases of the Skin.

London: T. RICHARDS, 37, Great Queen Street.

On Tuesday next, price 3s. 6d., with Six Plates and numerous Woodcuts, **The Archives of Medicine. No. III.**

Edited by LIONEL BEALE, M.B., F.R.S. Copies will be sent free by post, on sending a remittance to Mr. JOHN JONES, 10, Grange Court, Carey Street, W. C.

London: JOHN CHURCHILL.

In a well-established Ladies' School, in the country, there a few VACANCIES for PUPILS, who can be received at the reduced terms of £35 per Annum, inclusive of good English instruction, with the usual accomplishments required in a polite education. The health and moral training of the pupils are most strictly cared for, and an unlimited supply of the best food is always provided. French and German governesses are resident, and every department of instruction is conducted in the most efficient manner. Apply, by letter, to U. V. W., 37, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W. C.